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Letter dated 8 April 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I have the honour to attach herewith a copy of note verbale No. 171, dated 5 April 2010, addressed to the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations (see annex), and kindly request that you circulate it as an official document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

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The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations, and with reference to the latter's Note HC-33-10, dated 17 March 2010, in response to the Note 110 of the Mission of Cuba, dated 1 March 2010, considers necessary to convey some considerations.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba considers the reply by the United States Mission in its Note of reference is not only completely insufficient and unsatisfactory but also increases even more the concerns of Cuba.

It is inexplicable that in its response the United States Mission does not even refer to and totally disregards the procedures established in the United States Mission's note HC-33-95 of 9 June 1995 aiming to eliminate potential clashes and conditions considered as interference with the performance of the functions of the Mission of Cuba.

Such unjustifiable omission is of greater concern taking into account that the incident occurred on 28 February and the successive ones have had a common factor: the flagrant violation of the abovementioned procedures by agitators who act with impunity against the Mission of Cuba.

It is unacceptable that the United States Mission tries to justify the actions of the authorities of its country, claiming the New York Police Department responded in 10 minutes to a call about the incident occurred on 28 February.

Beyond the time taken to respond to these incidents, the major responsibility of US authorities in discharging their duties is to take all necessary measures to prevent these serious incidents from taking place.

As long as measures are not taken to prevent this sort of aggressive actions, the physical integrity of the Mission and the safety of its diplomatic staff will not be guaranteed and the normal performance of the diplomatic functions of the Permanent Mission of Cuba will continue to be hindered.

The legitimate character of the concerns conveyed by Cuba has been regrettably proved enough by the successive similar grave incidents that have been taking place in front of the Mission of Cuba in the last weeks.

The Mission of Cuba once again demands that the United States authorities guarantee the security and physical integrity of the Mission of Cuba and its staff, in accordance with their obligations.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United States Mission to the United Nations the assurances of its consideration.

New York, 5 April, 2010

To the United States Mission
to the United Nations
New York

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